

The Whole Truth

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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." MAL. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." JOHN 8:32.

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80TH ANNUAL HOLY CONVOCATION TO CONVENE

Holy greetings to the saints of God everywhere.

The year 1987, has offered many joys and occasions of happiness in our wonderful Church for which we are thankful.

It is again my happy privilege as General Secretary of our great Church to officially announce the Eightieth Holy Convocation of the Church of God in Christ, November 3-10, 1987, at National Headquarters, Memphis, Tennessee. This promises to be an exciting occasion and most glorious, and we look forward with more anticipation to the wonderful fellowship and holy festivities surrounding this unusual Spiritual retreat. Of course, saints from around the world, from all walks of life and many nationalities will witness the moving of the Spirit as we unite together for the glory of God.

The diversity of ministries will be witnessed; healing, worship, evangelistic and Spirit-filled services will be the order of the day. Training services efficiently arranged will be provided for the edification of the saints. The Presiding Bishop and General Board have expressed deep concern for the total spiritual up-lift of the saints and the projection of the Pentecostal experience.

The Office of General Secretary will be prepared to register all delegates: namely, general delegates, persons attending the General Session and worship service, but have not been an elected delegate by their respective jurisdiction to the General Assembly; and General Assembly delegates (persons elected by their jurisdictional assembly to deliberate and vote in the General Assembly).

Our computerized registration will assist us in several areas. To better serve the delegates of the Church, a photo-badge with certain information will be supplied to every delegate. A daily computerized print-out will furnish us with vital information on all delegates such as jurisdiction, position, name, address, hotel where they are staying in Memphis while attending the convocation. Also, it will help us to determine the number of persons attending the convocation; thereby reflecting numerical strength of our Church.

This is a continuation of the projection for a computerization of the Office of General Secretary.

In order to assist in underwriting the cost of the specialized service, a nominal registration fee will be passed on to the delegates. The revenue from this operation has enabled the Office of the General Secretary to cover its costs from the funds generated and to make a substantial financial contribution to the National Church budget as the record will reflect. The support of wonderful delegates has made this possible. We appreciate your response in the past and request that you support your church by registering early. It is requested of all Bishops, please urge their delegates to register for the convocation.

The convocation fast will commence Sunday, November 1, and conclude Tuesday, November 3, with the Special Anointing Services conducted by the Presiding Bishop assisted by the General Board and Bishops. Every local congregation is invited to join in with the saints who are attending the convocation and fast and

pray for the three designated days.

On Sunday, November 8, the high day of our meeting, Bishop Patterson will deliver the Official Message for this convocation, and the saints of God from all over the world will fill that convention center to listen to God's servant as he brings to us "the Word from the Lord."

Friday, November 6, will be Women's Day, presided over by the saintly Mother Mattie McGlothen.

All jurisdictions are required to elect delegates to the General Assembly from their jurisdictional assembly in accordance with "PART II-SECTION B, subsection 1 and 2" of the Official Manual of the Church of God in Christ.

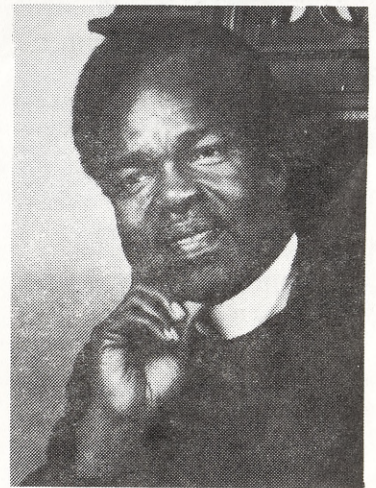
Each jurisdiction is required to file the list of elected delegates with the Office of the General Secretary, which will subsequently certify them to the General Assembly.

Inasmuch as the jurisdictional reports are made during April's

meeting, the income runs extremely low during our National Convocation. Therefore, it is urgent that each of us as Bishops, Supervisors and leaders of our great Church who are well aware of its financial needs will give our best support by bringing the balance of our report both for the credential holder and the membership report from the churches in our jurisdiction in order to make a full report in this meeting.

We love and respect our Presiding Bishop Patterson, who has successfully led us to new horizons during this administration and the General Officers of the Church. We have many wonderful Bishops, Supervisors, pastors and even lay members who have stood strong in supporting the financial program of the Church for many years and there is no doubt that the same dedication will be forthcoming during this time of need.

All delegates are asked to remain for the colorful Holy Communion and Consecration of newly appointed Bishops on Monday, November 9. Also, the General Assembly session is scheduled



Bishop G. R. Ross

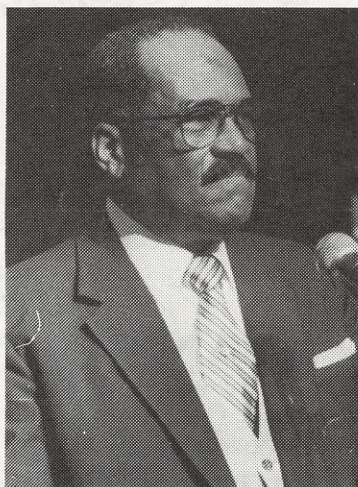
for Monday, November 9. All delegates are encouraged to remain to adjudicate the business at hand.

The Office of General Secretary proudly announces its latest publication, the OFFICIAL ROSTER OF CHURCHES for the Church of God in Christ, worldwide. Plan to purchase a copy at the Registration counter, COGIC Bookstore, or the Office of General Secretary. Also, new church certificates will be provided for churches in each jurisdiction as provided by the Constitution and required by the Internal Revenue Service.

May we come praying that God will give us the greatest outpouring of all times; that the sick will be healed, souls blessed, backsliders reclaimed and the pentecostal experience perpetuated.

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PRESIDING BISHOP WARNS MEMPHIS AGAINST PARIMUTUEL WAGERING



Bishop
J. O. Patterson, Sr

Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr., presiding bishop of the Church of God in Christ joined his voice with other area clergy denouncing parimutuel wagering. His stand against legalizing parimutuel was a fast breaking story. Currently, Memphis is in the midst of a great debate about the benefits and liabilities of devel-

oping horse racing, etc. Bishop Patterson made his stand on ethical and moral grounds. A joint announcement was issued by the Church of God in Christ and the United Methodist Church. Rev. William Barley, a United Methodist pastor released a statement saying that, "the judgment of the United Methodist Church affirms that gambling is a menace to society."

Our presiding officer is aware of the many pro and con arguments concerning the issue. He along with the other ministers desire the public be educated that parimutuel does not really increase tax revenues. Reports show that cities featuring gambling usually spend more tax dollars to support gambling. Horse racing is not a boom industry. Facts prove that only a small percentage of people make money. 90% of all horse owners loose money. No real

career opportunities develop and only low paying jobs are created. Illegal gambling always grows when legalized gambling becomes a reality. Parimutuel gambling adversely affects the community at large. Currently, in America 10 million people suffer the adverse affects of gambling. 1 of every 5 members in Gamblers Anonymous is a teenager. The bishop is standing firmly upon an opposition supported by a strong moral appeal.

Bishop's actions will aid a joint effort being waged by the city's concerned business and professional community. There is a large lobby of persons promoting the issue. There is a scheduled gambling referendum on an October municipal ballot. Bishop Patterson predicted the saints will reject the gambling proposal even without strong urging from the church. "The membership has been so strongly indoctrinated that gam-

bling is a sin that we don't need to take a position on it," said the presiding bishop. "They automatically will know."

Bishop Patterson is concerned that our church help maintain the moral base of the community whenever possible. He is hopeful that enough Christian people will hear his warning and vote against the establishment of parimutuel in Memphis. The Church of God in Christ is the leading denomination in Memphis and must provide necessary moral leadership.

The Whole Truth hopes this article will encourage our clergy everywhere to follow the lead of Bishop Patterson and make a moral stand against issues like parimutuel wagering.

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GUEST EDITORIAL
STEWARDSHIP

by A. M. Hess

Everything under the heaven has a particular season, time and purpose. God needs faithful, strong and wise stewards to do His will. A steward is one who manages another's property or financial affairs. Everything has a purpose in this life. Consider God's creation, the sun, moon, stars, clouds, rain, trees, animals, flowers, food and mankind, each has a function and reason to be. Mankind has a stewardship responsibility.

The sun is the star which the many planets of our solar system revolve. The sun gives the earth energy and light. The moon is the body which revolves around the earth monthly. It is out there at a mean distance of 238,857 miles and accompanies the earth in its annual revolution around the sun. Its purpose is to give God's earth light during the night. The stars are heavenly bodies appearing as an apparent fixed luminous point in space. Their purpose is to shine at night and inspire the minds of humans to consider the far reach of God. The clouds are a visible collection of particles of water or ice suspended in the air. The clouds warn us of unfavorable weather conditions. The rain is water falling in drops from the sky. The rain cools the ground after the temperature becomes unbearable. It provides the necessary water to sustain plant life. The tree is a perennial plant having a permanent woody self supporting main stem or trunk. When this trunk is cut and processed, it provides materials for homes and paper goods, etc. Animals are any living thing that is not a plant. They are varied and provide for different cultures meat for human consumption. Flowers are plants in various colors and sizes. Their beauty has provided life with emotional and physical benefits. They give humans cause to stop and smell their fragrance. Food is a necessity in order for mankind's bodily existence. One must eat to live.

After all of that, one expects the pinnacle of God's creation to be purposeful in his ways. God made man in His own image.

Mankind is the steward of God's earth. This stewardship is a great responsibility. A good steward will cultivate whatever is entrusted in his hands. It is God's will that man have dominion over all the earth, sea, fowl of the air and over every creeping thing that creepeth over the earth. God gave us instructions to subdue the earth, have dominion and be fruitful.

God is expecting us to be wise builders. It is dangerous to be a steward similar to the steward who buried his one talent. Your spiritual life is enhanced if you are productive. Whatever your hands can do, one should do in the will of God. The Lord desires stewards who help the kingdom grow.

Stewards must have a certain stability and dedication when serving God. When handling God's business one should be extremely careful. Yes, everything has a particular purpose.

Some people have jobs which enable them to function at various levels. Think about it, bus drivers, nurses, doctors, attorneys production workers and others have different purposes but must function at a top level. In the church world there are bishops, pastors, ushers, missionaries, evangelists, teachers, choir members and musicians, to name a few. All of these positions are different but they are administered by everyday people. The great enabler is the Holy Ghost. To be a good steward, one must be used of the Holy Ghost.

Stewardship is important and God is holding us accountable for our stewardship. Can God count on you? I believe faith without works is dead and works without faith is useless. Be encouraged to stay with the Lord and serve as the Lord has given to you; for Christ is coming back one day soon.

Elder Hubert Lambert, pastor
Faith Mission COGIC
Kansas City, Missouri

CORRECTION

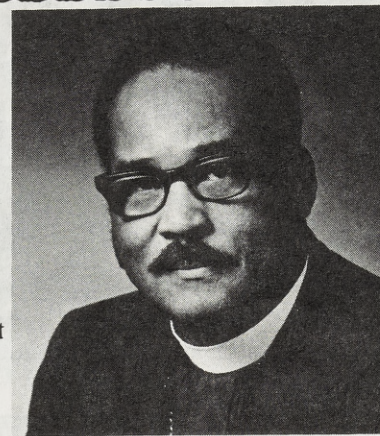
We take this time to announce and error in the AUGUST EDITION OF THE WHOLE TRUTH PAPER concerning the dates and times for the upcoming James Oglethorpe Patterson Fine Arts Appreciation Scholarship Activities. The correct dates are as follows: (competition) will be held on Friday, November 6, 1987, at 10:00 a.m. in the chapel of Pentecostal Institutional Church of God in Christ. The finalists will perform and be awarded scholarships at the Presiding Bishop's Benefit Dinner, on Saturday, November 7, 1987, at 4:00 p.m. in the Memphis Convention Center, Concourse Hall.

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Dear Saints:

It is my great pleasure to extend to you Holy Greetings in the Name of our Blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

I am thankful for this opportunity to again communicate with you and to share in witnessing of the goodness of God. Daily, I'm learning to lean more on Him and He continues to extend His grace, show compassion, give love and above all, allows His spirit to dwell within us. Who wouldn't serve such a Great God!

In a day and time when temptations are great, discouragement and depression rests in the minds of the saints, and the vices of the enemy grips our lives; it behooves each of us to "put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all Saints." (Ephesians 6:11, 18)

My prayer to God is that He will continue to help us to fulfill the mission assigned us. My request to you is that you will not allow anything to discourage you as we work together to accomplish God's Will for His Holy Church.

Your Chief-servant,

J. O. Patterson

J. O. Patterson, Sr.
Presiding Bishop

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SPECIAL
ANNOUNCEMENT

November 8, 1987, OFFICIAL DAY, the International Holy Convocation will telecast live from Memphis, Tennessee. Sunday night, 8:00 P.M. EST.

Plan to hear Bishop J. O. PATTERSON, SR. speak to the nation. The Christian Broadcasting Network will air the service.
Check your local listing for time.

NATIONAL NEWS

SPECIAL NOTICE



MRS. B. M. RIVETTE

The James Oglethorpe Patterson Fine Arts Drama Guild presents its first dramatic pageant. The King of Glory will be performed by the guild during the Holy Convocation. A special guest performance will be given by Elder Daryl Coley, nationally renown recording artist. Here are the FACTS....

KING OF GLORY

Produced by Mrs. Brenda M. Rivette...National Arts/Drama Activities Coordinator.

Friday, November 6, 1987...11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Gold Room Downtown National Headquarters...Memphis, Tennessee.

Ticket Information: On sale during Holy Convocation, Memphis or contact Mrs. Brenda Rivette, (816) 356-4235 or write: 8501 E. 56th Terrace, Kansas City, Mo. 64129

The Pageant will feature such outstanding artists as.....

Rubinstein McClure-New York, Carole Simmons-Houston, Texas, Ralph Holley-Detroit, Michigan, Vanessa Winbush Gatlin-Lafayette, Louisiana, Dorcas Perkins Haig-Memphis, Tennessee

Directed by Minister David Winstead-Dallas, Texas, Assistant Director, Douglas Wilkins-Memphis, Tennessee, Musical Director, Mrs. Linda Searight-Dallas, Texas, Mrs. Sara Jordan Powell, Executive Director Fine Arts Department, Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr., Presiding Bishop

ities at 1317 N. 42nd Street in Omaha, Nebraska, his pastoral duties actually began in Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1941. There he built an edifice that is still in use today.

His bishop's appointment came in 1947, and he moved to Omaha in 1948. There he built two churches, one was named later after the late Daddy Robinson and is located at 26th and Erskine. The other church was located at 25th and Seward and was called Bethany Temple. Many souls were saved under his ministry.

The state has grown since our bishop was appointed and many that were under his ministry are presently pastoring in our state. Along with our bishop's ministry duties, he served as counselor for wayward boys from the Douglas County Social Service of Nebraska.

The saints, friends and relatives gave a great celebration in honor of our bishop, pastor and father on his 75th birthday on March 14, 1987.

On September 12, 1987, the saints will gather for an appreciation dinner for our bishop for his faithfulness to the church and to our state.

ATTENTION

Singers are needed for the Drama Pageant, KING OF GLORY to be given in Memphis this year at the Annual Convocation. The pageant is scheduled for Friday night, November 6, 1987, at 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in the Gold Room at the Downtown Headquarters, 272 S. Main, Church of God in Christ, Inc. If you are interested you should plan to meet in Kansas City, October 24, with Sis. Brenda M. Rivette, who is the producer of the pageant. Or you may contact her at 8501 E. 56 Terr.-Kansas City, Missouri 64129-(816) 356-4235.

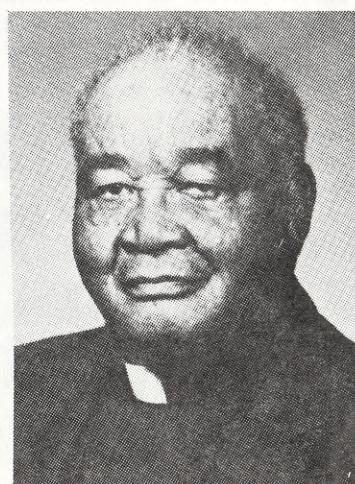
THE NATIONAL USHER DEPARTMENT Usher Preparation

We're getting ready now for our National Meeting and the ushers are fasting and praying for a blessed and successful meeting in the Lord.

Brother Willie Cook, our president, is compiling new ideas for the ushers and we are looking forward to having a wonderful time. We're also looking for new ushers, and would like to have as many ushers as possible to work with us during the meeting this year. If you are not going to usher, please come by, we would like to get acquainted with you and know what church you're from.

Ushers, when ushering at your local church, one thing's very important and that is, "cooperating with your pastor, (remember the pastor is in charge of the church".) See to it that everyone who enters through the doors are made as comfortable as possible, because it doesn't stop there, being prayerful, watching everyone who comes through the door and

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BISHOP W. A. PATTERSON

God in Christ in Memphis, Tennessee.

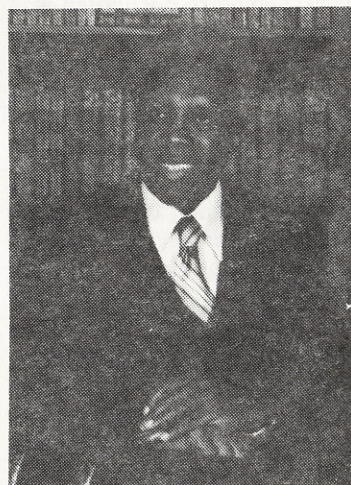
He was a dedicated and devoted husband for 52 years to the late Mrs. Mary Louise Patterson, who went from labor to reward, May 30, 1981.

He is the father of 5 successful children: Superintendent W. A. Patterson, Jr., Detroit, Michigan, Mrs. Mary P. Hawkins, Memphis, Tennessee, Mrs. Lee Ella P. Smith, Memphis, Tennessee, Mrs. Barbara P. Davis, Detroit, Michigan and Apostle G. E. Patterson, Memphis, Tennessee, Founder of Bountiful Blessings, Inc.

Bishop Patterson has received

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NOTES ON THE MINISTRY TO THE MILITARY



BISHOP ITHIEL C. CLEMMONS

The Church of God in Christ Ministry to the Military is vibrant and alive as its Chaplains serve God and the nation in the far-flung areas of the world. Word has come from the Offices of the Chiefs of Chaplains at Washington, D.C. -- the Pentagon and the Office of the Secretary of Defense -- that the

Church of God in Christ is supplying quality Clergy -- men and women -- to all branches of the Armed Forces.

Word has come that Chaplain (Major) Diana McNeil James at Darmstadt, Germany is being promoted to Lt. Colonel Chaplain (Capt.), Martin Luther John at Walter Reed Hospital is being promoted to Major, and Chaplains (Capt.) Carl Young and (Capt.) Krisma Ajarjee who have just returned from overseas are being promoted to Major. There are others like Chaplain Samuel Morgan at Hawaii who are in the pipeline for promotion. All over the world, these young men and women serve with distinction.

Commission on Ministry to the Military
Bishop Ithiel C. Clemmons, Commissioner

never let anyone disturb the service. If there is a problem and there is no male usher at your church, get a deacon to assist you, (don't allow anyone to disturb the service.)

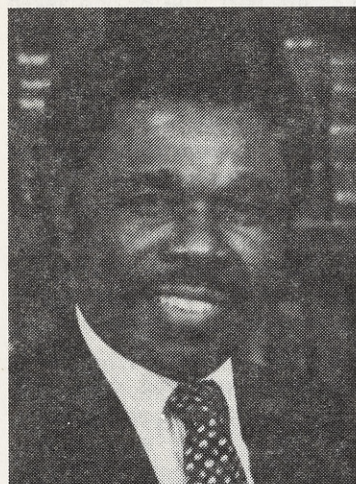
To be a good usher you must use tact, therefore, through fasting and praying, your spiritual eyes and mind becomes attuned to

usher needs.

Ushering is a very important duty, so you must be alert and greet your visitor's when they come in the church and talk with them when they leave. Make them feel that their presence in service was a blessing to you and you were a blessing to them.

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ECUMENICAL AFFILIATION EXPANDS



Bishop J. N. Haynes

Bishop J. Neaul Haynes is a recognized leader in the Church of God in Christ. He is a member of the Presidium (General Board) of the Church. He serves as Assistant Secretary to the General Board and is a member of the National Church Program Committee. He is Jurisdictional Bishop of Texas Northeast and pastor of the Saintsville Sanctuary Church of God in Christ in Dallas, Texas.

Because of his longevity of dedicated service to the Church and his unusual ecumenical affiliation, Bishop Haynes has been named, "Man Of The Year 1987-88" by the Minister's Alliance, Prairie View A & M University. He will be honored

in a testimonial dinner, October 5, 1987 in Dallas, Texas. Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr., will be guest speaker. The proceeds from the dinner will be given to ASU (All Saints University).

As a progressive and distinguished bishop, his leadership extends across the boundaries of racial, social and denominational lines. As a result, his ecumenical association offers vast opportunities for service in other denominations. Bishop Haynes was guest speaker in the National Baptist Conference, held in Dallas, May, 1987. He is the first pentecostal minister to speak in this conference. He was facilitator of the Pastor's Seminar in the Annual Conference of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, held July, 1987, in Tyler, Texas.

Bishop Haynes is a long time participant in many other interdenominational organizations. He is a member of the Greater Dallas Community Churches, Vice-President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, member of the Board of Trustees for Charismatic Bible Ministers at Oral Roberts University.

Texas Northeast Jurisdiction
Thea Glover, Reporter

BISHOP B. T. McDANIEL CELEBRATES MINISTRY

Bishop B. T. McDaniel appointed by our late founder and bishop, Bishop C. H. Mason, is a well-known figure in the state of Nebraska. Appointed at

a young age as the State Overseer, he has been in the ministry over 50 years.

Presently pastoring in new facil-

NEW ORLEANS HOST PENTECOSTALS

For further information on the participation of the Black Church in the North American Congress on the Holy Spirit and World Evangelization contact:

Bishop Ithiel Clemmons, Planning Committee Member (919) 272-6564

New Orleans-The five day North American Congress on the Holy Spirit and World Evangelization, which drew more than 40,000 participants, came to a climax Saturday night, July 25, 1987, when the Holy Spirit in great power used Evangelist Ernestine Cleveland Reems to challenge that great host of Charismatic Christians with the same challenge with which Jesus sent the disciples into the world so long ago. Her text, Mark 16:15-18 commences, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature..." With this text-a favorite text of the last Bishop Charles Harrison Mason-Evangelist Reems stood over 40,000 people on their feet who shouted "Yes we will go, the Lord being our helper". Following Evangelist Reems, Father Tom Forrest, a Spirit-filled Redemptionist priest from Rome sent the people out into the world to tell everyone the Good News that Jesus Christ is Lord. He said the light of the Christian faith has grown dim. "The light of Christ is almost out in Europe and around us it is flickering," he said. "We have a job of getting it back on again."

The evening sessions of the July 22-26, Congress were held in the New Orleans Superdome. The Wednesday session began with televised greetings from Dr. Billy Graham being displayed on the stadium's huge TV screens and the anointed and poignant greetings by Congress Chairman, historian, Vinson Synan.

Dr. Synan pointed out that the overall goal of the Congress is to launch an evangelization program that would win a majority of the world's population for Jesus by the year 2000. He admitted that this humanly impossible task "will require the greatest revival and outpouring of the Holy Spirit ever seen in the history of the Church. Dr. E. V. Hill, who is pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church, Los Angeles, powerfully keyed the Congress that Wednesday evening, with his message on Holiness. From that momentous beginning, the Congress built steadily to a mighty climax.

From beginning to end, the voice of the Black Church; up out of suffering and oppression; rang loud and clear through every session of that great conclave in which Catholics, Lutherans, Episcopalians, Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Mennonites, UCCs, Jews for Jesus, Pentecostals, and many others proclaimed their unity in Christ through the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. It was an answer to our late Founder's prayer "God is all God everywhere."

THE DENOMINATIONAL SESSIONS

The Thursday morning Pentecostal session that packed and jammed the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel, was but one of 38 denominational sessions held each morning in the hotels around the city. At the Pentecostal session, chaired by Dr. B. E. Underwood, of the Pentecostal-Holiness Church and Bishop Ithiel Clemmons, of the Church of God in Christ, Dr. Jack Hayford, of the Church-on-the-Way, Van Nuys, California, gave a powerful and insightful address. That gathering was also blessed, edified and electrified by the unusual repertoire of music of the Saint John Church of God in Christ Choir, of Newport News, Virginia, pastored by General Board member, Bishop Samuel Green. Dr. G. Raymond Carlson, General Superintendent of The Assemblies of God, gave a moving invocation and Bishop Charles Blake, of The Church of God in Christ gave the Scripture Reading. The climax of that denominational session was the powerfully moving testimony and message by Bishop O. T. Jones, Jr., General Board Member of the Church of God in Christ.

THE AFTERNOON WORK- SHOP AT THE NEW ORLEANS CONVENTION CENTER AND ELSEWHERE

Bishop Charles Blake prelate of Southern California; First Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ gave an eye-opening, speaking-the-truth-in-love-message to a crowded workshop on Reconciliation between the Black and White churches. That was but one of the one hundred and ten workshops held from 2-5 p. m. daily at the New Orleans Convention Center and elsewhere around the city. The workshop on reconciliation was chaired by Bishop John Meares, a white prelate who pastors the all-black Evangel Temple in Washington, D. C. Bishop Meares a sincere brother in Christ, brought his large and tremendous choir to provide the music for the three workshop sessions on Racial Reconciliation.

Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr., popular Joe Engels Professor of Homiletics at Union Seminary, New York did a powerful presentation at the preaching workshop, held by the United Church of Christ, on Saturday afternoon. His topic: The Anointing In Preaching, was excellent. Dr. Forbes always an exciting, spell-binding preacher did the 1986-1987 Lyman Beecher series at Yale University, entitled The Anointing Makes the Difference.

Yes, the voice of the Black Church rang loud and clear at the New Orleans Congress. It was not a voice of anger or protest, nor a divided, divisive voice. It was rather a voice of "power, love, and sound mind". It was an anointed, Spirit-filled voice, that, as historian Arnold Toynbee has remarked, "just might be the salvation of Christianity in the west."

We are very grateful for the fine job done by the New Orleans

local steering committee, chaired by pastor Charles Green of the Word of Faith Church. Elder Charles Brown, pastor of Full Gospel Church of God in Christ, New Orleans and Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush, prelate of Western Louisiana served in an outstanding way on that committee.

More than a decade ago, the Lord gave a vision to several American spiritual leaders--Protestant, Catholic and Jewish--about a great general gathering of Pentecostals and charismatics to make a common witness that Jesus is Lord. As a result of this vision, and after much prayer, preparation, and planning, over 50,000 persons gathered in Kansas City's Arrowhead Stadium in July, 1977, to celebrate one of the most memorable conferences ever held in North America.

Over the years, the same leaders who planned the Kansas City Conference sought the Lord annually about His next step. The North American Congress on the Holy Spirit and World Evangelization 1986-1987, at New Orleans was the answer to those prayers.

TOWARD A. D. 2000-WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

In 1990, a World Congress on the Holy Spirit and World Evangelization is being planned to convene in a world class city. Plans will then be made for the last decade of the millennium (1990-2000 A. D.) to be a time of world evangelization such as the world has not seen. If Jesus does not return before that year, the world will celebrate Jesus' 2000th birthday on December 25, 2000 A.D. Dr. Paul Yongi Cho of South Korea, has volunteered to host a gathering of 2,000,000 Christians. Whether his offer will be generally accepted is still a matter of prayer.

On the "Richard Roberts Speaks" national television show aired from Tulsa, Oklahoma and New Orleans, Louisiana, July 23, 1987, Bishop Ithiel Clemmons and General Board member, Bishop Samuel Green, said that true reconciliation cannot be unilateral; just some black folk following white folk; true reconciliation must reflect our true unity that is in Christ. At Pentecost, it was not the tongues phenomena that was the goal, but the togetherness beyond all boundaries of race, class, and gender.

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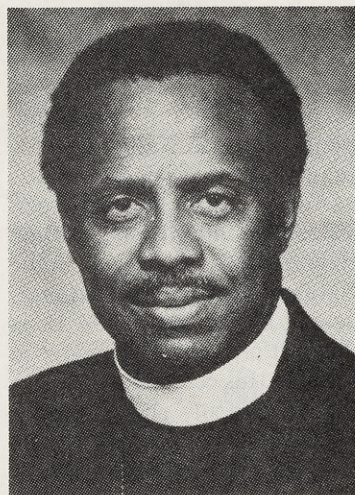
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FROM PLACE TO PLACE

by Dr. David Hall

Well, saints again it is time for the sanctified version of People Magazine: From Place to Place. That's right, From Place to Place is back bringing to the attention of all, the great personalities and related events happening throughout the Church. During the past summer season most jurisdictions conducted convocations. This season is one of joyous visitation and organizational bonding. I personally had the opportunity to spend this summer visiting a few convocations. Naturally, I found the saints in fellowship and giving praise to God. These convocations allowed me to meet several people face to face, answer questions, start new Whole Truth Subscriptions and solve a variety of related problems. Hey, I made the best of it!

The reporter has selected two outstanding convocations to highlight during this issue. The Western Louisiana Jurisdiction and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Jurisdiction offered a special opportunity to experience their brand of convocation. There is a striking contrast between these highly successful and well attended meetings. This report should make the reader encouraged to know that others enjoy the blessing of the Lord. Louisiana presented a "good old country, down home" atmosphere, while the Commonwealth offered all the urban sophistication and big city advantages one attributes to Philadelphia. Couple their individual qualities with the Spirit of God and one can realize, I experienced the best of both worlds.



Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush
Louisiana

Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush invited me to attend his Convocation-USAC. Initially, I did not know what to expect. A jurisdictional convocation is a big thing in and of itself. Western Louisiana conducts a Convocation-USAC jointly. The Bishop informed me that his little country folks have something special. When I arrived at Carroll High School in Monroe, Louisiana, I became very aware how special indeed.

The meeting featured USAC in the morning and began daily at 7:30 a. m. There were 400-600 children and teens in attendance daily and an equal number of adults. There were 52 different seminars and skills building activities, plus departmental

sessions being conducted. From 9:30-11:30 a. m., whole families were in training. At 11:30 a. m. Bible study for adults and children church were conducted. At 12:30 p. m. general assembly and review was held. At this time financial reports for USAC classes were made. On the first day the USAC reported offerings totaling nearly \$5,000.00. Everyday the total went higher. By week's end the total exceeded \$25,000.00 for the USAC.

Daily, two messages were delivered and saints praised God. At around 2:30 p. m. the USAC closed for dinner. Bishop fed all delegates both breakfast and dinner daily. The cost was built into the very affordable registration fee.

Nightly, the saints returned for convocation. All the business and affairs of convocation were adequately conducted. The saints were there and those good old country folks crowded their cars, vans and buses on the parking lot, then filled the building by 8:00 p. m. The preaching was tops and many souls were saved and filled. Those Louisiana preachers preached as if Jesus announced His coming the next day. The Supervisor of Women, Mother Leola Bryant had a power packed night. Sister Emily B. Bibby stood in the gap with her dynamic style of delivery.

For my part, the Bishop asked me to conduct a "Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage Seminar." I was also honored to preach during the Ordination Service. I enjoyed seeing old friends, like two old fishing buddies, Elders Alton Gatlin and McClendon Winbush, Elder Frank Ford, Elder James Proctor and many others. I particularly give thanks for spending time with Mrs. Mae C. Winbush, a beautiful First Lady. She was such a source of inspiration to my wife, Gloria. Among other friends were Mrs. Vanessa Gatlin, Odessa Winbush, Emma Price, and Essie Johnson. Better stop calling names!

Without question, I can say the Western Louisiana is one of the best organized and highly successful jurisdictions. I would encourage anybody in need of fresh ideas to drop in and see how folks in the country do business.



Bishop O. T. Jones, Jr.
Pennsylvania Commonwealth

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LOCAL NEWS

WHOLE TRUTH PASTOR OF THE MONTH

The Elder Robert Anderson is the Whole Truth Pastor of the Month. His selection is the first of many to follow, as the Whole Truth desires to bring to the foreground the positive contributions being made by our clergy. Around the country people recognize the gifted people who labor among them, now it is time for the saints to know and appreciate some of our finest. Elder Anderson is the pastor of the Power House Church of God in Christ, located in Houston, Texas. Robert Woodard is his jurisdictional prelate and Elder Anderson serves the jurisdiction as chairman of finance.



Elder & Mrs. Robert Anderson

On August 11, 1971, Elder Anderson started a small church on Fitch Street and trusted God for its growth and development. The mission was dedicated by the late Supt. R. L. Norton, founder of the Norton Temple Church of God in Christ. Supt. Norton was Elder Anderson's pastor for many years.

Initially Elder Anderson planned to name the church Bethany Church of God in Christ, but God impressed him with the name Power House. It seemed the words literally jumped from his mouth. The Lord confirmed that if he kept the name Power House He (God) would bless the church. Presently, Power House is one of the fastest growing churches in the jurisdiction.

The beginning was not easy. Much prayer and labor was put into the making of Power House. During the first week on Fitch Street, he conducted a revival. That Tuesday night Sister Bonnie Hayes was saved. From that first week God has continually added to the church.

The Power House Ministry was not confined to the small church building. People were attracted to the building and its people. Elder Anderson helped out a

struggling Bible study ministry by allowing them to use his building. he charged them on Sunday mornings attendance. The people came and heard the word. They went away telling others and more got saved as a result. In sixteen years Elder Anderson has seen the congregation grow to over three hundred. He has one of Houston's best choirs and something is always going on at the church.

Elder Anderson has not walked alone in this effort. His wife Velma is a constant support and source of encouragement. She plays an active role in the life of the congregation also. The Anderson children are Frances Anderson Harris, Timothy, Patrick and Derrick Anderson. If you know the family, Ms. Sandra (Cricket) James is going to have to be counted in the number.

Elder Anderson is a fine sanctified gentleman and a rare individual. Power House has grown along with him. As the church provides ministries and reaches the community, God is likewise blessing Elder Anderson. If you are ever in Houston stop by the friendly church on Hirsch Rd. Only good will meet you there.

THE NECESSITY OF PRAYER

by Linda K. Salter

More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of.
Wherefore, let thy voice
Rise like a fountain for me night
and day.
For what are men better than
sheep or goats
That nourish a blind life within
the brain,
If, knowing God, they lift not
hands of prayer
Both for themselves and those
who call them friend?
For so the whole round earth is
every way
Bound by gold chains about the
feet of God.

Alfred Tennyson

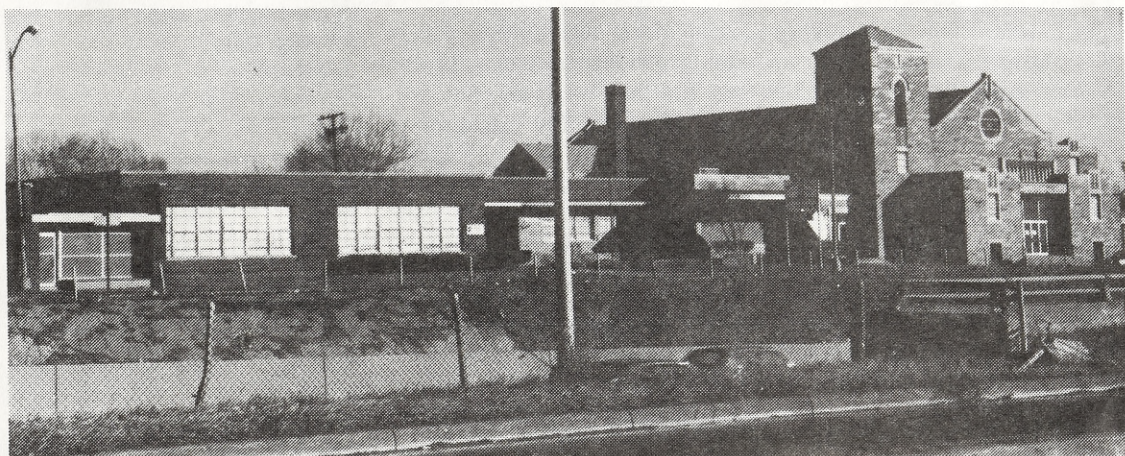
The poet, Tennyson, made a

profound statement about prayer. The most potent weapon in our spiritual war often goes unused. Prayer gives power to conquer. A familiar saying is the family that prays together stays together. A jewel often missed is the church that prays together stays together. Prayer is the one place where all men are equal.

Prayer can be defined as communing with God. All communication involves an exchange of information, thus, prayer is a dialogue rather than a monologue. Fasting and meditation are tools that enhance the power that envelops us as we pray.

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THE NEW SAINT PAUL TABERNACLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST DEDICATED



A special service of dedication and consecration was recently held at the new site for the New Saint Paul Tabernacle Church of God in Christ. The pastor, Bishop P. A. Brooks, II, along with his family, congregation, guest clergy, civic officials, and state governmental officials enjoyed a most captivating and encouraging message from Bishop J. O. Patterson, chief apostle of the Church of God in Christ, Inc., Memphis, Tennessee. The entire service was one of distinct praise and magnificence. Other guests who participated in the service were Bishop Samuel L. Green of Newport News, Virginia; Supt. D. M. Eubanks and Mother Lillian Johnson. Also participating were Bishop and Mrs. Roy L. H. Winbush and National Evangelist Deda Wells Johnson.

The congregation had outgrown its Oakman Blvd., edifice and Bishop Brooks had planned for

the construction of a new church and school facility. God's providential will directed the congregation to the present beautiful and spacious complex. The building is located on one of the major freeways of Detroit and very near the suburbs of Southfield, Michigan.

The church is seen twice weekly on television via the March Of Faith television series. Also, New Saint Paul Tabernacle serves the community through various programs as the Hunger Program Task Force, Job Placement Center, Tabernacle Business Service, Tabernacle Legal Service, Tabernacle Day Care Center, Tabernacle Credit Union, Tutorial Program Services, Family Counseling Center, Senior Citizens Food and Friendship Program and the March Of Faith Bookstore. In addition day time worship is conducted at 12 noon Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays. Bishop Brooks

believes in helping people help themselves through the multi purpose ministries of the church.

To God be the glory for the things he has done. Yes, the Lord has done mighty things in the sight of His people. Purchasing this beautiful new edifice of 1400 seating capacity is only another step in the continual progressive movement that is the exemplary spirit of Bishop Brooks and the congregation. May God ever uphold Bishop Brooks and the New Saint Paul family as we press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

EDITOR ANSWERS BACK

the handicapped. The secular society is moving with deliberate speed to allow an easier flow of the handicapped into mainstream life. All of us must be sensitive to those situations. To address your concern about literature being produced in braille, I must agree that it is necessary. This would take expert persons, organization, budget and most of all a will to see it done. Be encouraged you are not the first to ask about braille literature. I pray for the day we can produce our own. Please keep working in your local church and jurisdiction. Your efforts are a constant reminder to us all that greater ministry awaits the church.

Missionary Reather A. B. Carter was concerned about humanism.

Answer: Sister Carter, there are various challenges to the faith which have long been a problem. Humanism is such a problem because humankind has long desired to be placed at the center of all creation. Remember the Shakespearean quote from Hamlet, "What a piece of work is man! How noble in reason! how infinite in faculties! in form and moving, how express and admirable! in action, how like a god! the beauty of the world! the paragon of animals!..." Human-

kind as always had an exaggerated feeling of importance. True we are God's greatest creation but also His greatest pain. The saints must engage and wage war wherever humanism challenges. The answer is certainly found at home and school. You were correct in calling for local Church of God in Christ Christian schools being developed. Every jurisdiction should attempt to provide a school or any local church with resources should offer an alternative Christian education. Lastly, we must continue to make God first in the home. Every child needs God in the heart, education in the head and money in the pocket.

Deacon Wayne Nelson was concerned about the welfare mentality.

Answer: Deacon, you must be a solid man. Welfare is a problem and I believe your article was strong, direct and compassionate at the same time. Solid men will make the difference and especially solid men following God. I only desire to support you and ask you to continue delivering the message. Too many men make babies and walk away. Boys don't have to sow their wild oats. They sow them

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UPCOMING CONFERENCE AT THE KING CENTER

The Power of The Spoken Word: The Oratory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., January 8-9, 1988

Roots: The background and Education of Young Martin Luther King, Jr.

May 11-13, 1988

Trailblazers and Torchbearers: Women in the Civil Rights Movement - 1941-1965

October 12-14, 1988

Papers are invited for the first national conference on Dr. King's oratory, co-sponsored by The King Center and the Speech Communication Association. Essays may analyze the rhetorical style, or the political, social, or theological implications of Dr. King's civil rights speeches and sermons. Completed manuscripts (or extended abstracts) due October 1 to: Dr. Marsha H. Stanback, Dept. of Communication, University Plaza, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. For information, call: Mrs. Lili Baxter, The King Center, 404-526-8948.

Commemorating the 40th anniversary of King's graduation

from Morehouse College, papers and panel discussions will focus on the little-analyzed, but critical King Family background and the early life of Martin Luther King, Jr. Participants will address the influence of the deeply religious King family on Martin as he grew and matured, as well as on individuals and schools of thought which shaped his consciousness. For more info., call: Dr. Ralph E. Luker, The King Center, 404-526-8982.

Co-sponsored by The King Center and Georgia State University, papers and panel discussions will identify and celebrate individual and group participation by women activists, entertainers, reporters, and scholars in the struggle for social justice. With participants and speakers from the academic community interspersed with participants themselves, the conference will illuminate the Trailblazers and Torchbearers. Deadline for papers: March 15, 1988. For more information, contact: Mrs. Marymal Dryden, Division of Cont. Education, University Plaza, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Ga. 30303. Phone: 404-658-3476.

SAINTS INTERPRETING FOR THE DEAF

The state of Wisconsin has set up a program for training people who are skilled in sign language to work as professional sign language interpreters.

The need for minority interpreters was left unheeded until 1985, when Miss Andria Barton of Philadelphia Church of God in Christ was accepted into this program and successfully completed it. She has since taken on this challenge and gives thanks and glory to God. Andria received much encouragement from her parents Elder and Mrs. John Barton. Elder Barton is also her pastor.

In 1986, Mr. Gregory J. Robertson of the Greater Westside Church of God in Christ was accepted into the program. He completed it successfully likewise. Andria and Gregory are well respected by the members of the deaf community. Both of

these young people were born and reared in the Church of God in Christ. They currently work as interpreters in the Milwaukee school system and interpret at a multiplicity of civil events. Gregory has an insatiable desire to use his sign language skill and become the ears for the deaf community.

Neither of these two history making young people have forgotten their church. Through the education acquired and certification received, they already serve as interpreters for local, state and hopefully be afforded the opportunity to serve at our Holy Convocation.

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JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Holy Greetings to all the saints, from Faust Temple Church of God in Christ, Elder W. F. Faust, Jr., pastor.

The Lord is blessing our church in a great way; spiritually and financially. Our pastor is the son of our late pastor, Elder W. F. Faust, Sr. The Lord made the way for Elder Faust's son and family to come and make a place for themselves with us. The members are happy and blessed to have him, he is doing a great work and the church stands behind him all the way.

We are now in the process of building the Lord a new house. The ground breaking ceremony took place on July 8, 1987. What a glorious celebration it was! We're building the church Elder Faust, Sr., planned.

The church honored our pastor and wife, Sis. Chrystel Faust, in their first appreciation service. The service started August 31st and went through September 6th. Many visiting churches and many of our friends attended. It was a week of praising God. Elder Vernon Bracy acted as Minister of the week. The Sunday morning message was brought by Elder Christopher Hagar, and the evening message by Elder David Lee. Deacon Ernest Vinning served as Chairman.

Pray for us that the Lord will bless us and keep us in His will.

Elder W. F. Faust, Jr., Pastor

Sis. Nettie Durham, Reporter

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Near shady wall a rose once grew,
Budded and blossomed in God's free light,
Watered and fed by morning dew,
Shedding its sweetness day and night.

As it grew and blossomed fair and tall,
Slowly rising to loftier height,
It came to a crevice in the wall,
Through which there shone a beam of light.

Onward it crept with added strength,
With never a thought of fear or pride;

It followed the light through the crevice-length,
And unfolded itself on the other side.

The light, the dew, the broadening view,
Were found the same as they were before;
And it lost itself in beauties new,
Breathing its fragrance more and more.

Although claim of death caused us to grieve,
And made our hearts sad,
Let us faith and hope receive,
The rose still grows beyond the wall.

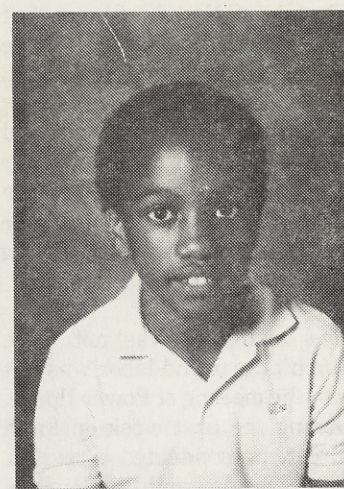
Scattering fragrance far and wide,
Just as it did in days of yore,
Just as it did on the other side
Just as it will forevermore.

Lovingly submitted,
Holy Faith Church Family

TRIBUTE LAMPKIN and LAMPKIN



OUR JEWEL
(Ima)
1939-1987



HER JEWEL
(Stanley)
1975-1987

With deepest sympathy and faithful prayer we print the following family tribute. To Bro. Howard Lampkin and the entire Lampkin-Chimney family, be assured the saints of the Church of God in Christ shall read this and feel your pain. Our prayer is that God keep you in such a time as this.

The Editor

Few people ever had a daughter and sister as wonderful as you. You were special and inspirational to all of us in so many ways. You were the first child to receive the Holy Spirit and set the perfect example for all of us, and so we followed.

How delightful you are, your ready smile, your willingness to share, sharing your wealth of wisdom and advice. We know you loved us, you expressed it in so many ways.

We know that heaven rejoiced when you arrived, for you told us how two angels came for you. They carried you to a beautiful place with fountains of living water and music of worship and praise that could not be compared. What a vision! You came to us and shared this vision with joy. We rejoiced with you, yet on this side we are saddened, because we will miss you dearly. Only God can fill your place.

For these reasons and many more we love you and love never dies.

Just as you were our Jewel, Stanley was your Jewel. How often you would say "my Stanley" referring to the many things he did to bring you joy. You were so pleased and proud of him. A boy is always a mother's joy and we loved him because he was yours.

The Chimney Family

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May God's riches benedictions and blessings rest upon all of us until we are in the great holy fellowship November 3-9, 1987, in Memphis, Tennessee.

Bishop G. R. Ross
General Secretary
(Ready, willing, able.)

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HONORED

numerous achievements and awards, just to name a few: Trinity Hall College and Seminary, Springfield, Illinois-Doctor of Divinity, City of Detroit-Executive Office Award, Mayor of the City of Detroit, Coleman A. Young Award, Richard Nixon, President of the United States (1974), 50 Years in Hospital Ministry and the 76th Birthday, and others from The Governor of Michigan, Religious Workers Guild (COGIC), National Baptist Convention -Special Award and a Doctor of Divinity, Honored Citizen, Detroit and the State of Tennessee—House of Representative.

by
Alice W. Lee, Church Secretary

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PLACE

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania met in Philadelphia, September 3-7, 1987. The convocation was held at the Adam's Mark Hotel and Convention Complex. Bishop O. T. Jones, Jr., and the jurisdiction warmly received me. Their meeting impressed me, as it presented the best that big city can offer. The saints are a vital part of the sophistication and fast pace life of the area. They are good examples for holiness among the urban surrounding of the east coast area. The convocation was a timely conducted affair and featured many quality seminars and training activities. The leadership encouraged the saints to engage in all they could. The seminars were filled with eager students.

Bishop O. T. Jones, Jr., informed me there are two type saints in the Church of God in Christ," those belonging to the Commonwealth and those wanting to belong." I thought how interesting and my eyes were wide open for the evidence. As the time went by, the bishop's words resounded over in my mind.

There were visitors from many points in the country. Bus and car loads kept coming in. I saw saints from New York, New Jersey, Washington, D. C., Maryland, Indiana, North Carolina, Ohio, Michigan and California. They ranged from a big name female evangelist, to a gentle preacher who prays for pocket-books. All the while I experienced a free flowing spirit and fellowship beyond the norm.

Possibly the most outstanding feature was the preaching ministry. The array of talent was like that witnessed in a National Holy Convocation. The guest ministers included Dr. Robert

Franklin, Ph.D., Bishop Levi Willis, Elder Charles Quillen, Bishop C. L. Anderson. Bishop C. D. Owens, Bishop F. D. Washington, Elder T. A. Body and Evangelist Ernestine Cleveland Reems. All of them were better than excellent however, T. A. Body was unique, as he preached. "God Is Smart!" You should have been there!

When this jurisdiction has an ordination service, it has an ordination service. Elder Carl Hines gave the charge and Bishop Jones ordained 28 candidates into various ministries.

On the Official Day, Bishop Jones forgot his sermon notes. The poor fellow stood before the saints empty handed. Of course, what God placed in his head and heart was far superior. He preached under the anointing and literally wrecked the place. He preached the saints out of our seats, freed our minds and transported us to a heavenly plateau. I went along for the ride and enjoyed the Lord.

I was privileged to preach at Holy Temple Church of God in Christ. That historical pulpit has seen many great proclaimer and surely none greater than Bishop O. T. Jones, Sr. I met Elder Robert Hargrove, the administrative assistant at Holy Temple. He impressed me as the quintessential pastor's assistant. While there I shared with dear friends, the Elder and Mrs. Ernest Morris, and the Witherspoon family, who have a special place in my heart. I enjoyed the dignity and conversation of Bishop Robert Chapmon and many of the fine pastors of the Commonwealth. I owe a special note of thanks to Elders Young, Hunter and Massey for their hospitality.

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PRAYER

The fact that God is omniscient does not relinquish us from engaging in prayer. First of all we are commanded to pray. (Luke 18:1; I Thessalonians 5:17; Matthew 26:41) Prayer is a universal law given by God; just as the law of gravity is. When we want divine intervention, we must extend an invitation to God. (James 4:2; Matthew 7:7) Jesus, our role model, prayed, and likewise Christians have to pray.

The fruits of prayer are numerous. Christians gain the spiritual treasures of God through prayer. Only prayer can move to affect situations, people, sickness, poverty, loneliness, and emptiness. Satan is afraid of the weakest Saint on his knees praying. Prayer is the avenue to becoming revitalized and rebuilt.

Prayer takes discipline. We live in a fast paced and upbeat society. Our days never seem long enough. A specific time must be set aside to pray. Because the mind is less cluttered at the beginning of the day, prayer is usually more effective in the morning. To begin our day with prayer invokes God's guidance and protection. (Psalm 57:8; Proverbs 8:17)

Having a prayer life is vital to a successful walk with Christ. Praying can be fashioned to making regular deposits in a savings account. When a financial disaster occurs, we simply go to the bank and withdraw funds to cover the emergency. Daniel was put in the lions' den, but before being put there Daniel prayed three times a day. (Daniel 6:10) Daniel withdrew from his account in heaven, and God sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths. (Daniel 6:22) The winds of adversity blow on each of us. The God that we serve is more than ready to rise to the occasion. On a personal level, there has not been a single time that God did not lead me to pray intensely before a storm arose in my life.

Sometimes we experience a strong urge to pray for someone. The urges are promptings by the Holy Ghost and come from heaven. The person we are told to pray about is usually in danger, and it is through travailing prayer the danger is moved. Never dismiss those urges as insignificant. Usually the need is so great that the Holy Ghost begins to pray through and in us. (Romans 8:26)

People who impact our lives usually have something to say. Education alone does not guarantee a life that impacts others. No Christian has anything important to say unless he receives wisdom from God. When contemplating a person who has impacted the Church of God in Christ, I think of our founder, Bishop Charles Harrison Mason. I did not have the privilege and honor of knowing Bishop Mason, but there is one characteristic that made him outstanding. Bishop Mason was a man given to prayer. No matter who talks about his life, everyone brings out that fact. Each of us can see the far reaching effect of his prayers. From 1907 to 1987, Bishop Mason's prayers are still blessing our church. The harvest reaped from his prayers is indeed abundant.

There are no shortcuts to prayer. Prayer takes time and discipline. Great men and women of God know the source of their strength. The people who make a difference in our churches stay hooked to the power source through prayer. Don't be a spiritual dwarf; be a spiritual giant through prayer.

Ms. Linda K. Salter

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EDITOR

and immediately pray for a crop failure. Women are often left with a child and no support. The church must help men to know, the same God who saw and forgave their fornication, is the same God who sees the suffering of families, and children born out of wedlock. Responsibility after the fact is an important evidence of salvation, which gets us to your point. Many saints have a welfare mentality about serving God. There is a big harvest of souls out there and God did not save us to just sit back and do nothing. God wants us to witness and be labourers. The saint who keeps faith and

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The James Oglethorpe Patterson Fine Arts Appreciation Scholarship Activities will be held in Memphis, Tennessee during our November Convocation. Preliminary activities (competition) will be held Friday, November 6, 1987, at 10:00 a.m. in the chapel of Pentecostal Temple Institutional Church of God in Christ, Linden Avenue at Danny Thomas Blvd., Bishop J. O. Patterson, pastor. Finalists will be selected by judges, and the finalists will perform and be awarded scholarships at the Presiding Bishop's Benefit Dinner which will be held at the Memphis Convention Center, Concourse Hall, Saturday, November 7, 1987, at 4:00 P.M.

If you are eligible to participate in the Fine Arts Activities, please inform your Youth Minister, Pastor and Jurisdictional Bishop so that they may provide financial assistance for your trip.

GENERAL PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES:

1. To cultivate broader acceptance and deeper appreciation for Fine Arts talent in our church.
2. To stimulate and enhance interest in careers and advanced studies in the area of Fine Arts.
3. To motivate and encourage greater self-expression among our youth who possess such talents.
4. To emphasize the applicability of Fine Arts to effective ministries in our church.
5. To offer financial assistance to promising persons who are seeking to further develop their skills in Fine Arts and who correlate these skills with spiritual growth and development.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Any member of the Church of God in Christ is eligible who is between the ages of sixteen and twenty-six (16-26). The applicant must exhibit skill in Fine Arts and must be contemplating of currently pursuing a career at a school or university of higher learning in the area of Fine Arts in performing musical or instrumental, drama-speech, dramatic or oral interpretation; visual painting, sculpture, crafts, etc. Each participant must:

1. Bring a transcript from the previous or current semester's high school, college or university.
2. Visual artists should exhibit three or four original art works.
3. Performing artists should prepare two different selections representing musical or dramatic presentation.
4. Each participant will have a brief interview with one of the judges.

Please complete Application and Mail To:

Sara Jordan Powell
Director of Talent and Fine Arts
9203 McAvoy Drive
Houston, Texas 77074

Scholarship Candidate Profile Application

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Birthday _____

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Zip _____

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Music Drama Visual Art

works will receive a reward: eternal life. People sitting around waiting on Christ to bring His reward will miss the joys of winning souls and making a difference. Deacon, I'm sure you know many good people who are lazy. Well, God has problems with folks who are good but good for nothing. Encourage them to read Luke 10:2. Finally, I hope you did not mind my little message about taking care of suffering children? God bless you.

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USHER

Our usher president, Brother Cook, teachers and instructors are looking forward to seeing all ushers in this meeting. We need your prayers and support. God bless and keep you in His loving care.

Brother Forrest M. Hodge,
National Captain, Aide to the
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REFRESHING AT THE SPRING

Rejoice with us for God has done it again. The week of August 17-23 marked the Ninth Annual Caravan Revival-Homecoming Service at Refreshing Spring.

The vision of our pastor and president continues to unfold. ministers who either begun or continued their training here under the leadership of our great leader numbers more than eighteen. This year fourteen of them returned home to conduct a most spirit-filled revival.

Our Pastor and President, Supt. A. D. Headen beamed a godly elation as he sat or stood listen-

ing and enjoying the guardmen. This group of preachers were given the name guardmen by our late Church Mother, Mother Maude Holloway. Each night of the meeting we thought we had peaked until the next night. We just kept climbing. We happily report God did save, heal and fill. Deliverance was had throughout the meeting.

The saints came home from as far away as California and as nearby as Maryland. States represented:

Mississippi-California-Missouri-Kansas-North, Carolina-South, Carolina, Virginia-Massachusetts-Arizona-Pennsylvania-Ohio-Louisiana-Illinois and the like.

Deacon and Sister Virgil Williams were kind enough to sponsor our live broadcast over Station WBZE. The broadcast took place on Saturday afternoon 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Our coordinator for the Caravan, Missionary Maggie Whaley was right at home interviewing the guardmen: she works in the field of broadcasting.

With great anticipation we look forward to next year. Next year will be our tenth year, plans are already in the making for a bigger and better spirit filled revival. Our pastor and founder will give the message on Homecoming Day.

If the meeting continue to increase and we know it will, we will have to move it from our present edifice on Sunday morning. God all but filled our 2400 seating edifice. God has done it again, for he still works miracles. We are praying God will double anoint and again anoint these guardmen as they return to their pulpits, and those that are evangelizing, to the field ministry.

Each message blessed our hearts, but on Saturday night, God using Elder Edward Carter, took us into the Shekinah Glory. God truly used this young man to minister to the need of the people. Afterwards he spoke to us on "The Lost of the Anointing". Sunday morning Elder John C. Fuller close the meeting speaking on "Don't Mix Your Stuff with God's Stuff". The rain came. Others speaking were: Evangelist Ernest Dixon, Superintendent Alexander Dixon, Superintendent Timothy Bouknight, Evangelist Jerome Chambers and Superintendent Leroy Woolard.

Other guardmen in attendance were: Superintendent Nathaniel Porter; Bishop William Blackwell; Pastor Alvin Bouknight; Pastor Booker T. Hines, Superintendent Arthur Peterson; Pastor Franklin Knight, Elder James Jordan and Superintendent Cornelius Anderson. Pastor Hicky could not attend, but called to greet us.

A few of the missionaries and guardmen wives spoke to us on Thursday evening. Mother Bessie Scott presides over the women and she spoke to us on Thursday evening Subject: "When Jesus Comes".

After a scrumptious meal; we said our good-byes, looking forward to Homecoming "88." We need and solicit your prayers for our going on here at Refreshing Spring Church of God in Christ.

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